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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the subject application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-46 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims 47-61:

I: neurotypsin of the human

II: neurotrypsin of the mouse

17 48. Neurotrypsin according to claim 47, characterized in that the compounds of the formulas I and II comprise the